

## **HOUSE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS**

Minutes of Meeting  
2012 Regular Session  
Tuesday, May 15, 2012  
1:00 p.m.

### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

Representative Joel C. Robideaux, chairman of the House Committee on Ways and Means, called the meeting to order at 1:20 p.m. in House Committee Room 5 of the State Capitol, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The secretary called the roll and a quorum was established.

### **II. ROLL CALL**

#### **Members Present:**

Representative Joel C. Robideaux, Chairman  
Representative Patrick C. Williams, Vice Chairman  
Representative Bryan Adams  
Representative Taylor F. Barras  
Representative Regina Ashford Barrow  
Representative Christopher Broadwater  
Representative Richard T. Burford  
Representative Michael E. Danahay  
Representative Mickey J. Guillory  
Representative Lowell C. Hazel  
Representative Frank A. Hoffmann  
Representative Robert A. Johnson  
Representative Eddie J. Lambert  
Representative Nick Lorusso  
Representative Harold L. Ritchie  
Representative Major Thibaut  
Representative Lenar L. Whitney  
Representative Thomas P. Willmott

#### **Members Absent:**

Representative Wesley T. Bishop

#### **Staff Members Present:**

Ms. Alison Pryor, Committee Attorney  
Ms. Elise Read, Committee Analyst  
Ms. Karen Stephens, Committee Secretary  
Ms. Vanessa Forrest, Sergeant at Arms

### **III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION**

#### **House Bill No. 2 by Representative Robideaux**

Representative Robideaux presented House Bill No. 2, which would provide for the comprehensive Capital Outlay budget.

Representative Robideaux offered a set of amendments to add capital outlay projects and to provide for their financing. He also offered a motion to adopt the amendments, to which there was no objection. The amendments were adopted by a vote of 17 yeas and 0 nays. Those voting yeas were Representatives Adams, Barras, Barrow, Broadwater, Burford, Danahay, Guillory, Hazel, Hoffmann, Johnson, Lambert, Lorusso, Robideaux, Thibaut, Whitney, Patrick Williams, and Willmott.

Representative Robideaux offered a set of amendments to make technical changes to the bill. He also offered a motion to adopt the amendments, to which there was no objection. The amendments were adopted by a vote of 17 yeas and 0 nays. Those voting yeas were Representatives Adams, Barras, Barrow, Broadwater, Burford, Danahay, Guillory, Hazel, Hoffmann, Johnson, Lambert, Lorusso, Robideaux, Thibaut, Whitney, Patrick Williams, and Willmott.

Representative Robideaux offered a set of amendments to make technical changes recommended by staff to the bill. He also offered a motion to adopt the amendments, to which there was no objection. The amendments were adopted by a vote of 17 yeas and 0 nays. Those voting yeas were Representatives Adams, Barras, Barrow, Broadwater, Burford, Danahay, Guillory, Hazel, Hoffmann, Johnson, Lambert, Lorusso, Robideaux, Thibaut, Whitney, Patrick Williams, and Willmott.

There was no further discussion on the bill.

Representative Barrow offered a motion to report House Bill No. 2 with amendments, to which there was no objection. House Bill No. 2 was reported with amendments by a vote of 18 yeas and 0 nays. Those voting yeas were Representatives Adams, Barras, Barrow, Broadwater, Burford, Danahay, Guillory, Hazel, Hoffmann, Johnson, Lambert, Lorusso, Ritchie, Robideaux, Thibaut, Whitney, Patrick Williams, and Willmott.

#### **House Bill No. 3 by Representative Robideaux**

Representative Robideaux presented House Bill No. 3, which would provide for the Omnibus Bond Act.

There was no further discussion on the bill.

Representative Robideaux offered a motion to report House Bill No. 3 favorably, to which there was no objection. House Bill No. 3 was reported with amendments by a vote of 18 yeas and 0 nays. Those voting yea were Representatives Adams, Barras, Barrow, Broadwater, Burford, Danahay, Guillory, Hazel, Hoffmann, Johnson, Lambert, Lorusso, Ritchie, Robideaux, Thibaut, Whitney, Patrick Williams, and Willmott.

**Senate Bill No. 144 by Senator Mills**

Senator Mills presented Senate Bill No. 144, which would phase-in an exemption from local sales tax on certain inhibitors and complex biologics if the Revenue Estimating Conference estimated a certain percentage increase in state general sales tax.

There was a lengthy discussion, but no action was taken on the bill.

Present to speak in support were Dr. Farida Baig, representing Nephrology Associates, 44241 Conlin Street, Metairie, LA 70006, (504) 888-8717; Ms. Torie Kranze, representing the National Kidney Foundation of Louisiana, 8200 Hampson Street, New Orleans, LA 70118, (504) 861-4500; and Representative Steve Pugh, on behalf of kidney transplant patients.

A copy of the witness cards for individuals (who were present but did not testify) in support of, in opposition to, and to provide information on the bill is attached. (see Exhibit "A")

**IV. OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business.

**V. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Representative Robideaux announced that Senate Bill No. 144 would be taken up again at the committee meeting to be held upon adjournment of the House chamber that day.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Joel C. Robideaux, Chairman

Date approved: \_\_\_\_\_